

Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

Eric M. Bost, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

John Clint Williamson, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues.

Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Gaddi H. Vasquez, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

W. Stuart Symington IV, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

Peter R. Coneway, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Clifford M. Sobel, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Thomas C. Foley, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Bruce I. Knight, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

Bruce I. Knight, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Frank R. Jimenez, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve

System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

Nathaniel F. Wienecke, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Donald C. Johnson, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

17 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today.  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res 440, adjourned at 7 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, July 10, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7258.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **APPROPRIATIONS: FOREIGN OPERATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for reporting to the full Committee H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 5427, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 5386, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation.

**U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, after receiving testimony from Everett Eissenstat, Assistant United States Trade Representative for the Americas, Office of U.S. Trade Representative; Jon Stoner, Montana Grain Growers Association, Havre; Joy Philippi, National Pork Producers Council, Bruning, Nebraska; Leon Trammel, TRAMCO, Wichita, Kansas, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Association of American Chambers of Commerce in Latin America, and the U.S.-Peru Trade Coalition; Richard L. Trumka, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.; and Brian D. O'Neill, J.P. Morgan, New York, New York.

**SMALL BUSINESS PENSION PLANS**

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Long-Term Growth and Debt Reduction held a hearing to examine how to increase pension coverage for small business employees, receiving testimony from Craig Copeland, Employee Benefit Research Institute, David C. John, Heritage Foundation, and J. Mark Iwry, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; Steven P. Bjerke, Edward Jones Investments, Pendleton, Oregon; Daniel Hall, StanCorp Equities, Inc., Portland, Oregon; and Paula A. Calimafde, Small Business Council of America, Bethesda, Maryland.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

**U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current status of political developments in Russia and the future of the United States-Russia relationship, and S. 2435, to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, after receiving testimony from Stephen Sestanovich, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C.; Dmitri Trenin, Carnegie Moscow Center/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Moscow, Russia; and Amy Myers Jaffe, Rice University James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Houston, Texas.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Protocol between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the State of Israel, signed at Jerusalem on July 6, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 109-3);

An original bill, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 United States exports of nuclear materials, equipment and technology to India, and to implement the United States Additional Protocol;

S. Res. 460, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should increase its support to the people of Somalia in their efforts to end decades of violence, establish lasting peace, form a democratically elected and stable central government, and become an effective partner in eradicating radicalism and terrorism from their country and the region;

S. Con. Res. 105, commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan; and

The nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Argentina, Gaddi H. Vasquez, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, John Clint Williamson, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, Michael E. Ranneberger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Eric M. Bost, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, W. Stuart Symington IV, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to

the Republic of Maldives, Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Australia, Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Clifford M. Sobel, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Peter R. Coneway, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and Thomas C. Foley, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

#### FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine S. 3492, to strengthen performance management in the Federal Government, to make the annual general pay increase for Federal employees contingent on performance, and S. 3584, to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees, after receiving testimony from Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; Darryl Perkinson, Federal Managers Association, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of Government Managers Coalition; Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, Jacqueline Simon, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, and Patricia McGinnis, Council for Excellence in Government, all of Washington, D.C.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REFORM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the case for reform regarding community development block grants, focusing on issues surrounding program formulas, recipient communities, and management of grants within the Community Development Block program, including aspects of the reform package,

the “CDBG Reform Act of 2006”, after receiving testimony from Pamela H. Patenaude, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, and Kenneth M. Donohue, Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Eileen Norcross, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia; and Cardell Cooper, National Community Development Association, Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee began consideration of H.R. 1036, to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to Copyright Royalty Judges, agreeing to an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, agreeing to an amendment in the nature of a substitute, but did not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

#### MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION RESTORATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 1038, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, after receiving testimony from Judge Wm. Terrell Hodges, United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Ocala; and Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr., United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.